

MICHIGAN UNARMED COMBAT REGULATORY ACT (EXCERPT)

Act 403 of 2004

CHAPTER 5

338.3650 Boxing elimination contests.

Sec. 50. (1) Boxing elimination contests in which all of the following apply are exempt from this act:

(a) The contestants compete for prizes only in elimination contests and are not also professional boxers competing in 4 or more rounds of nonelimination boxing.

(b) Each bout is scheduled to consist of 3 or fewer 1-minute rounds, with contests conducted on no more than 2 consecutive calendar days.

(c) Competing contestants are prohibited from boxing for more than 12 minutes on each contest day.

(d) The contestants participating in the elimination contest are insured by the promoter for all medical and hospital expenses to be paid to the contestants to cover injuries sustained in the contest.

(e) A physician is in attendance at ringside and the physician has authority to stop the contest for medical reasons.

(f) All contestants pass a physical examination given by a physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a certified nurse practitioner before the contest.

(g) A preliminary breath test is administered to each contestant which indicates a blood alcohol content of .02% or less.

(h) The promoter conducts the elimination contest in compliance with the following:

(i) A contestant who has lost by a technical knockout is not permitted to compete again for a period of 30 calendar days or until the contestant has submitted to the promoter the results of a physical examination equivalent to that required of professional boxers.

(ii) The ringside physician examines a contestant who has been knocked out in an elimination contest or whose fight has been stopped by the referee because he or she received hard blows to the head that made him or her defenseless or incapable of continuing immediately after the knockout or stoppage. The ringside physician may recommend post-fight neurological examinations, which may include computerized axial tomography (CAT) scans or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), to be performed on the contestant immediately after the contestant leaves the location of the contest. The promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete until a physician has certified that the contestant is fit to compete. If the physician recommended further neurological examinations, the promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete until the promoter receives copies of examination reports demonstrating that the contestant is fit to compete.

(iii) The promoter requires that a contestant who has sustained a severe injury or knockout in an elimination contest be examined by a physician. The promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete until the physician has certified that the contestant has fully recovered.

(iv) The promoter does not permit a contestant to compete in an elimination contest for a period of not less than 60 days if he or she has been knocked out or has received excessive hard blows to the head that required the fight to be stopped.

(v) A contestant who has been knocked out twice in a period of 3 months or who has had excessive head blows causing a fight to be stopped is not permitted by a promoter to participate in an elimination contest for a period of not less than 120 days from the second knockout or stoppage.

(vi) A contestant who has been knocked out or had excessive hard blows to the head causing a fight to be stopped 3 times consecutively in a period of 12 months is not permitted by a promoter to participate in an elimination contest for a period of 1 year from the third knockout.

(vii) Before resuming competition after any of the periods of rest prescribed in subparagraphs (iv), (v), and (vi), a promoter requires the contestant to produce a certification by a physician stating that the contestant is fit to take part in an elimination contest.

(2) As part of the physical examination given before the boxing elimination contest, the physician, licensed physician's assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or other trained person shall administer a preliminary breath test in compliance with standards imposed in rules promulgated by the department of state police regarding equipment calibration and methods of administration. The promoter shall keep a log of preliminary breath test results of contestants on file at its place of business for at least 3 years after the date of administration of the test. These results shall be made available to law enforcement officials upon request.

History: 2004, Act 403, Eff. Feb. 20, 2005.

338.3651 Participant license.

Sec. 51. (1) A physician, licensed physician's assistant, certified nurse practitioner, referee, judge,

matchmaker, timekeeper, professional boxer, contestant, or manager, or a second of those persons, shall obtain a participant license from the department before participating either directly or indirectly in a contest or exhibition.

(2) An application for a participant license shall be in writing, shall be verified by the applicant, and shall set forth those facts requested by and conform to the rules promulgated by the department.

(3) The department shall issue a passport with each professional contestant's license.

(4) The commission, or a member of the commission, has standing to contest the issuance or nonissuance of an exhibition or other license by written or electronic communication to the department.

History: 2004, Act 403, Eff. Feb. 20, 2005;—Am. 2007, Act 196, Eff. Mar. 27, 2008.

338.3652 Examination or training program.

Sec. 52. (1) A person seeking a license under this act as a judge or referee may be required to satisfactorily pass an examination or training program acceptable to the department.

(2) A person seeking a license under this act as a judge, referee, or contestant shall pass a physical examination that is performed by a licensed physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a certified nurse practitioner acceptable to the department and the commission.

(3) Until the expiration of 1 year after the effective date of this act, the department shall issue an equivalent license without an examination to a person who is licensed in any capacity under former article 8 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, on the effective date of this act upon application on a form provided by the department.

History: 2004, Act 403, Eff. Feb. 20, 2005.

338.3653 Licensure as professional referee, judge, or timekeeper.

Sec. 53. (1) In addition to the requirements of section 52, a person seeking a license as a professional referee, judge, or timekeeper shall referee, judge, or keep time for a minimum of 300 rounds of amateur competitive boxing. To the extent standards are not contained in the mixed martial arts unified rules incorporated by reference under section 22(7), the department shall promulgate rules establishing standards for a person seeking licensure as a mixed martial arts professional referee, judge, or timekeeper.

(2) After a person has successfully completed the requirements of section 51(2) and subsection (1), the department may issue the person a license.

History: 2004, Act 403, Eff. Feb. 20, 2005;—Am. 2007, Act 196, Eff. Mar. 27, 2008.

338.3654 Unofficial scoring; rules; completion of standardized evaluation sheet by licensee.

Sec. 54. (1) In addition to the requirements of section 53, a person seeking a license as a professional judge shall score, unofficially, not fewer than 200 rounds of professional boxing. In order to fulfill the requirements of this subsection, an applicant shall only unofficially judge contests that are approved by the commission for that purpose. An applicant shall not receive compensation for judging boxing contests or exhibitions under this subsection. Scorecards shall be transmitted to the department and the commission for review and evaluation.

(2) To the extent standards are not contained in the mixed martial arts unified rules incorporated by reference under section 22(7), the department shall promulgate rules establishing experience standards for a person seeking licensure as a mixed martial arts professional judge.

(3) An employee authorized by the department or the commission shall complete a standardized evaluation sheet for each contest or exhibition judged by a licensee. The commission shall annually review the evaluation sheets. A commission member attending a contest or exhibition may also submit to the department a standardized evaluation sheet.

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338.3655 Medical or hospital insurance.

Sec. 55. (1) A professional participating in a contest or exhibition shall be insured by the promoter for not less than \$50,000.00 for medical and hospital expenses to be paid to the contestant to cover injuries sustained in the contest and for not less than \$50,000.00 to be paid in accordance with the statutes of descent and distribution of personal property if the contestant should die as a result of injuries received in a boxing contest or exhibition.

(2) A promoter shall pay the policy premium and deductible regarding any medical or hospital expenses for a contestant's injuries.

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338.3656 Number of rounds; weight of contest gloves; certification of physical condition.

Sec. 56. (1) A professional boxing contest or exhibition shall be of not more than 10 rounds in length, except a boxing contest or exhibition which involves a national or international championship may last not more than 12 rounds in the determination of the department. The contestants shall wear during a contest gloves weighing at least 8 ounces each. Rounds shall be not longer than 3 minutes, with not less than 1-minute rest between rounds.

(2) A professional or participant in a contest or exhibition shall be certified to be in proper physical condition by a licensed physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a certified nurse practitioner before participating in a contest or exhibition. The department shall designate any medical test that may be required to determine if the individual is in proper physical condition.

History: 2004, Act 403, Eff. Feb. 20, 2005;—Am. 2007, Act 196, Eff. Mar. 27, 2008.

338.3657 Duties of physician.

Sec. 57. (1) A licensed physician shall be in attendance at each contest or exhibition. The physician shall observe the physical condition of the contestants and advise the referee or judges with regard to the health of those contestants. The physician shall examine each contestant before entering the ring.

(2) The licensed physician shall file with the commission the report of the physical examination of a contestant not later than 24 hours after termination of the contest or exhibition.

(3) If, in the opinion of the physician, the health or safety of a contestant requires that the contest or exhibition in which he or she is participating be terminated, the physician shall notify the referee. The referee shall terminate the contest or exhibition.

History: 2004, Act 403, Eff. Feb. 20, 2005;—Am. 2007, Act 196, Eff. Mar. 27, 2008.

338.3658 Loss of consciousness; physical examination required; cost.

Sec. 58. (1) If a contestant or participant loses consciousness during or as a result of a contest or exhibition in which he or she participates, he or she shall not again be eligible to participate in a contest or exhibition in this state unless examined by a physician appointed by the commission and unless the physician certifies the contestant's or participant's fitness to participate.

(2) The contestant or participant shall pay the cost of the examination conducted under subsection (1).

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